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Prices were lower in all areas throughout the week. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to moderate best where featured. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to sharply lower. Checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Demand was light with ample offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate and building. Schedules are full-time to over-time. The trade sentiment was weak. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances tight with a good demand. Schedules continued to vary due to current supplies. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 5 to 10 cents, mostly 6 to 8 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was usually light to at times moderate in areas with feature activity. Loose egg sales were about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample and continued to build. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to sharply lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light for the ample offerings. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate and building. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-72	67-69
LARGE	63-71	65-68
MEDIUM	38-44	41-43

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. The market tone was barely steady to weak and highly unsettled. Demand into all outlets was light to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for processing needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-82	68-74
LARGE	60-74	65-69
MEDIUM	37-50	42-44

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Jul 30, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	69.00	65.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	69.50	67.50	38.00
MIDWEST	64.00	62.50	37.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	72.50	69.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	68.91	66.27	39.76

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	08-03-04	07-27-04	08-05-03
Large	46-53	42-49	54-58
Medium	21-25	18-22	34-36

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AUGUST 02, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.0	18.5	7.6	9.9	7.7	55.7
	Change	1.1	0.4	1.0	0.6	-1.8	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.7	44.1	12.3	23.2	33.8	134.1
	Change	-0.2	1.2	1.9	2.3	-1.5	3%
Large	Curr Wk	44.9	103.6	60.1	97.8	112.3	418.7
	Change	0.4	10.4	7.7	17.9	19.8	15%
Medium	Curr Wk	19.6	42.0	15.3	31.2	37.6	145.7
	Change	-3.8	-1.7	1.9	-3.4	6.0	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	10.2	4.9	1.6	8.8	9.7	35.2
	Change	2.2	-1.8	-0.6	-0.6	1.2	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	22.0	9.1	15.0	5.3	56.8
	Change	1.2	-6.0	-0.9	-1.5	-0.2	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.6	47.5	22.2	29.2	29.2	147.7
	Change	2.1	-3.0	3.0	3.8	2.8	6%
Total	Curr Wk	132.4	282.6	128.2	215.1	235.6	993.9
Percent	Change	2%	0%	12%	10%	13%	7%

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	993.9	7%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	284.0	7%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,277.9	7%	206
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. the revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO		5-AREA
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
129.4	283.1	114.2	196.1	209.3	932.1

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 31-JUL-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,267,144	30,660	11,871	6,195	2,722	4,310
PW	1,258,892	31,278	11,213	5,795	2,875	4,295
LY	1,196,517	29,736	10,527	5,677	2,396	4,420
% CHG PW	1	-2	6	7	-5	0
% CHG LY	6	3	13	9	14	-3
2004	36,532,709	867,651	350,681	192,100	83,592	125,267
2003	34,374,460	837,793	313,710	171,914	69,616	124,782
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	12	20	0

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.85	41.77	42.09
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.45	38.36	38.39

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004	Jul 24 2004	Jul 31 2004
	THOUSAND			
AL	30,430	30,505	22,328	21,781
AR	31,896	31,944	*24,888	24,805
DE	3,634	3,719	4,987	5,172
FL	1,339	1,355	1,221	1,419
GA	33,088	34,307	*27,041	25,662
KY	*7,187	7,280	*6,057	6,243
LA	3,923	3,914	4,009	3,733
MD	8,916	8,908	5,984	5,375
MS	19,843	19,839	17,203	17,083
NC	18,093	18,386	13,789	14,997
OK	6,679	6,713	5,905	4,880
PA	*3,784	4,115	*2,769	2,843
SC	3,850	3,828	3,815	3,150
TX	15,510	15,365	12,638	12,726
VA	6,852	6,655	5,428	5,638
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,517	17,640	*15,233	16,648
19 State Total	*212,541	214,473	*173,295	172,155
Previous Year Total	207,442	206,636	167,909	167,589
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	104	103	103

*Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Sep-04 is estimated at 159.0 million head. This compares to 160.0 million head the previous week and to 157.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.61 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 29, 2004-AUG 04, 2004

LOADS:	CURRENT	71.00	FUTURE	63.25	TOTAL	134.25
	SE	NE	MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	46.00	53.07	47.00	48.00	--	--
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	33.50	35.50
GNR W 4	--	29.00	27.00	--	26.00	--
GNR BR 1	--	52.00	--	--	--	--
GL W J	--	--	--	72.00	65.29	--
GL W XL	--	62.67	57.63	60.22	53.59	60.83
GL W LG	--	60.86	54.25	55.50	52.58	61.50
GL W MD	34.00	33.00	30.92	32.45	--	34.00
GL W SM	--	--	26.38	28.63	--	--
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--
NRBS - 50	--	39.00	--	--	--	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	43.00	41.07
NRBS - 45	--	--	35.00	36.00	--	--
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	29.00	--
NRBS - 39	--	25.20	--	--	22.20	--
NRBS - 36	--	--	21.00	22.00	--	--

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 31-Jul-2004

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.7	28.2	-5	23
BOSTON	3.6	3.6	0	-2
CHICAGO	59.7	60.2	-1	-7
DETROIT	35.8	28.4	26	38
KANSAS CITY	4.0	5.8	-31	83
LOS ANGELES	87.4	89.5	-2	-9
NEW ORLEANS	9.0	9.0	-1	-6
NEW YORK	28.8	29.0	-1	-9
ST. LOUIS	16.6	13.8	20	-5
SAN FRANCISCO	19.4	18.8	3	-9
TOTAL	290.8	286.4	2	-1
4 WK MOVING AVG	292.4			

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 31-Jul-2004
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	828	-8	20.84	(A)	829	20.84
South Atlantic	786	-7	29.12	(A)	787	29.12
North Central	2,158	2	31.64	(A)	2,159	31.64
South Central	516	8	21.09	(A)	517	21.09
West	368	4	23.56	(A)	368	23.56
U.S. total	4,656(B)	-1	27.49	4	4,660	27.49
2004	129,027(B)			200	129,227	
2003	139,609(B)			440	140,049	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 83,000; for the current year to date 1,440,000; for last year to date 1,874,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	THOUSANDS					
Head	1,901	2,672	83	4	4,660	
Avg Wt	15.82	35.90	23.88	33.53	27.49	
Last week	1,910	2,713	72	1	4,696	
Same wk yr ago	2,127	2,752	70	9	4,958	
Avg Wt	15.81	35.10	24.51	35.23	26.67	
To-date/2004	51,822	75,765	1,440	200	129,227	
To-date/2003	55,806	81,929	1,874	440	140,049	

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 31-Jul-2004

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	161,732	1,395	1,450	2,845	470
Avg Wt	5.26	3.19	8.19	5.74	6.29
Last week	161,269	1,438	1,484	2,922	471
Same wk yr ago	159,246	1,133	1,499	2,632	522
Avg Wt	5.14	3.40	8.20	6.13	6.68
To-date/2004	4,662,385	40,505	39,349	79,854	13,957
To-date/2003	4,599,567	47,240	41,479	88,719	12,510

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.7 million head, or 2.7 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Aug-04

	Current Week 08/07/04(1)	Previous Week 07/31/04
CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	164,904(2)	166,810
Light hens	1,460	1,465
Heavy hens	1,577	1,484
Total	167,941	169,759

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Aug-04 is 164.8 million head compared to 162.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.2 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 14-Aug-04 the estimated available is 165.1 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
June 26	164.0	164.3	100%	5.35
July 3	162.8	164.2	99%	5.09
10	147.8	164.0	90%	5.15
17	163.0	165.2	99%	5.13
24	163.2	167.1	98%	5.15
31	163.7	166.4	98%	5.26
Year to date	4719.1	4811.5	98%	
August 7		164.8		
14		165.1		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 08/02/04-08/06/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	70.00-73.00		73.75	43	75.64	79
Los Angeles	86.00		84.45	60	82.89	110
New York	70.00-73.00		71.41	22	73.74	45

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
2-Aug-04	26-Jul-04	26-Jul-04	4-Aug-03
78.08	-0.76	78.84	62.96

Number of loads 538

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	72-75	72.71	340
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	70-73	71-73	72.33	240
CENTRAL REGION	71-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-72	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS) SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 08/02/04	3,334	197,542	54,909
AM 07/01/04	3,364	197,449	57,329
CHG	-30	93	-2420
PCT CHG	-1%	0%	-4%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of June 30, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on August 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	18 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	592 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	753 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 02-Aug-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.75	10.52
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-13.5 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.5	10.34

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 30-July-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5.00-12.00	9.00-10.50
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-10	6-8

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 31-July-04

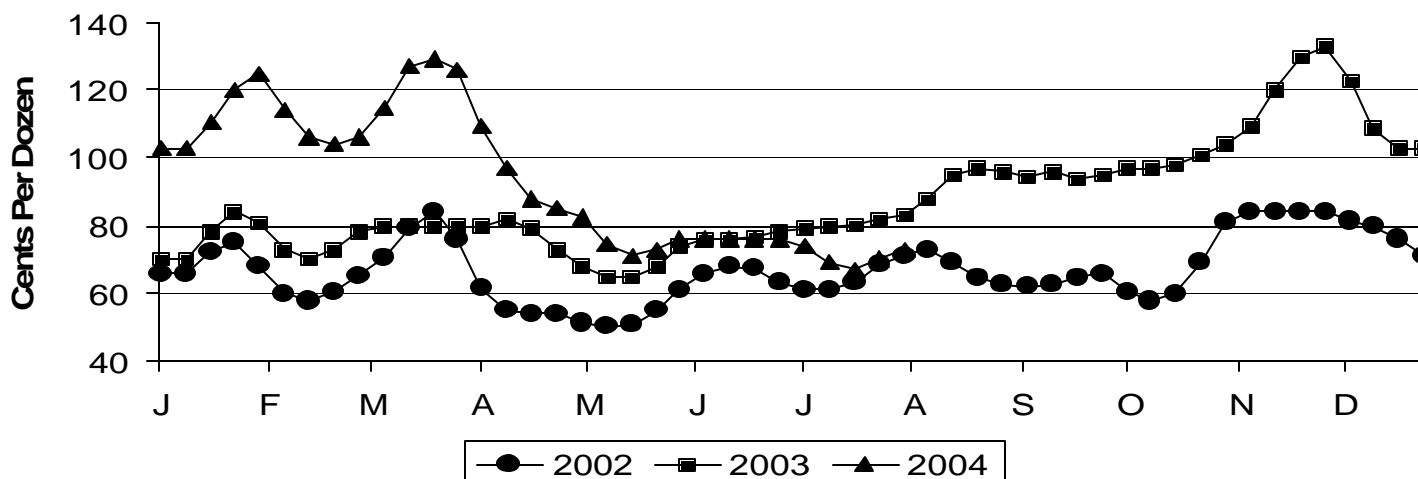
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	227.6	2	8
E.N. CENTRAL	564.2	-1	6
W.N. CENTRAL	272.1	-3	-1
S. ATLANTIC	212.3	3	2
S. CENTRAL	65.7	-9	-2
WEST	185.9	1	-6
TOTAL	1527.9	-1	2

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING PREVIOUS WEEK 85
LAST YEAR 85

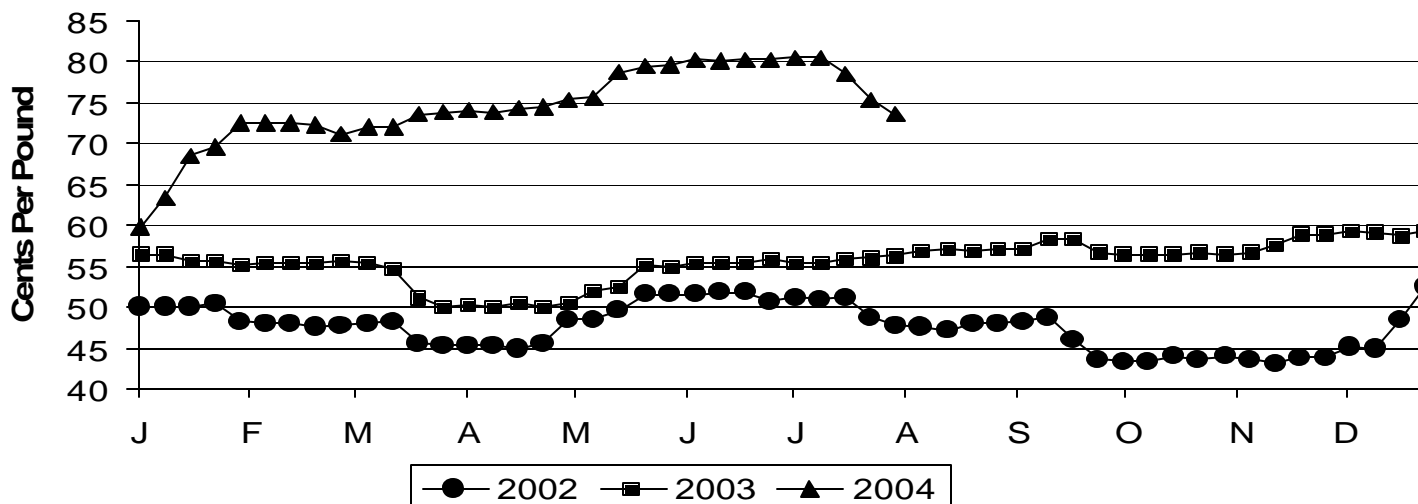
Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)
West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)
South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

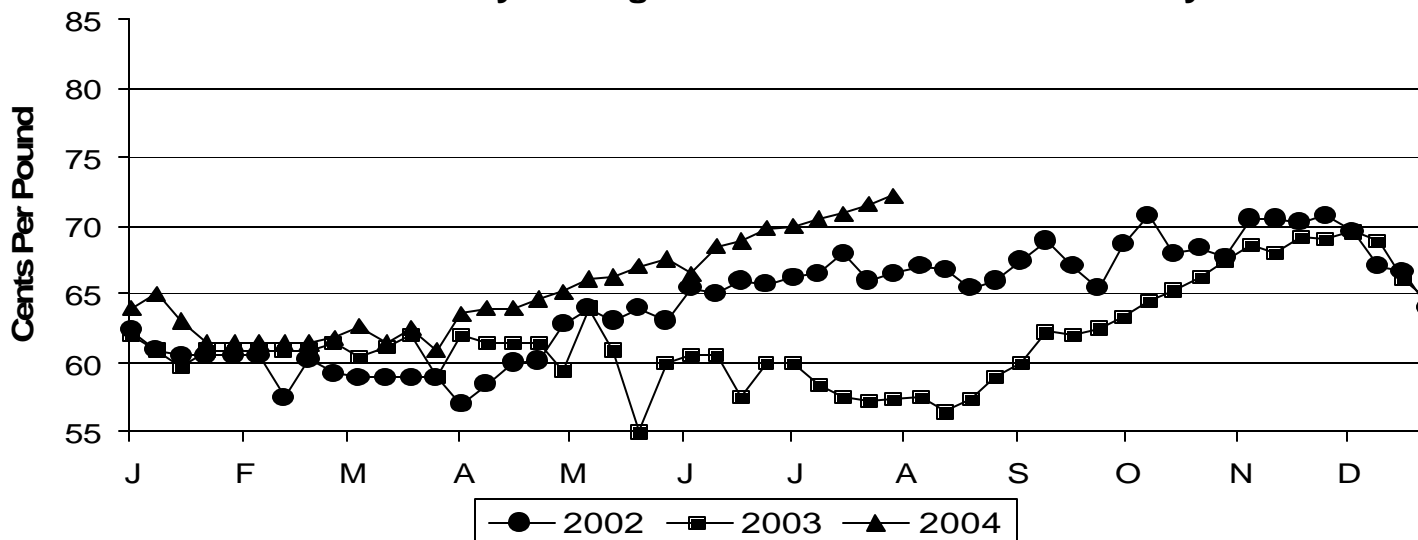
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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